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RUBBER CONSUMPTION
MONTHLY REPORT

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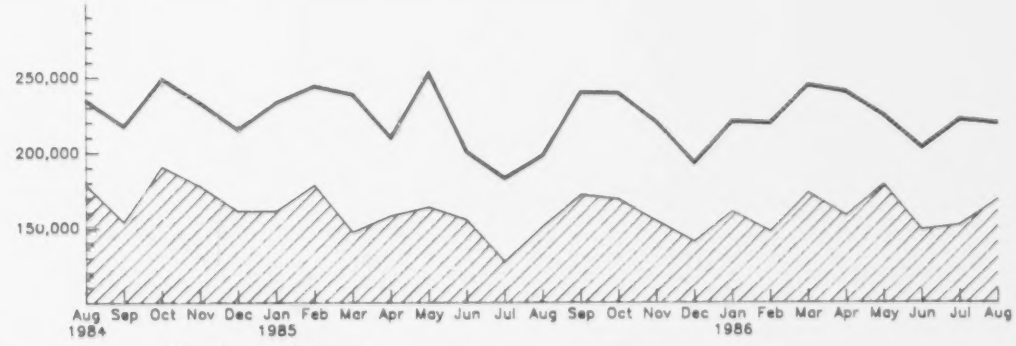
Total consumption for August 1986 is up +9.9% from August 1985, and synthetic consumption is up +11.3%. Please note that 1985 Natural Rubber Apparent Consumption figures include INRO Stocks of 16,952 metric tons for the year. 71.5% of all rubber consumed in 1985 was synthetic, of which almost half was SBR, as shown in the charts below.

MONTHLY TOTAL RUBBER CONSUMPTION – NATURAL & SYNTHETIC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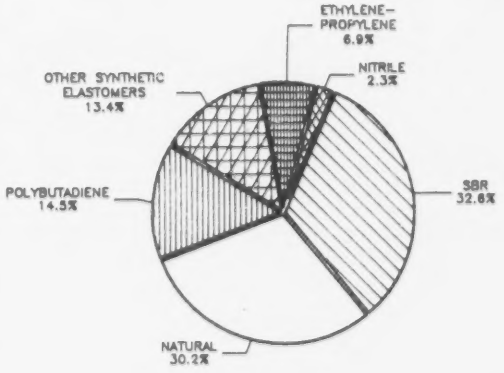
1985 RUBBER CONSUMPTION BY TYPE



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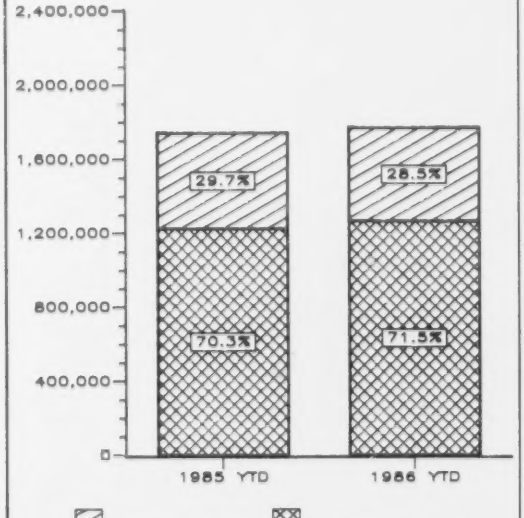

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U.S. SIC CODE		August 1986	August 1985	% CHANGE YEARLY	July 1986	% CHANGE MONTHLY	CUMULATIVE 1986	CUMULATIVE 1985	% CHANGE 86 vs 85
	TOTAL NEW RUBBER								
	Beginning Stocks	333,393	348,997	-4.47	344,092	-3.11			
	New Rubber Available	234,765	218,892	7.25	242,218	-3.08	2,028,081	1,995,386	1.64
	Imports	64,298	70,774	-9.15	86,947	-26.05	693,346	729,081	-4.90
	Exports	29,966	29,130	2.87	31,254	-4.12	252,228	244,460	3.18
	Apparent Consumption	218,547	198,805	9.93	221,345	-1.26	1,768,328	1,741,289	1.55
	Ending Stocks	319,644	339,954	-5.97	333,711	-4.22			
	TOTAL NATURAL RUBBER								
	Beginning Stocks	94,159	97,927	-3.85	96,646	-2.57			
08490 11	Imports	45,184	46,024	-1.83	70,080	-35.53	521,066	541,898	-3.84
+	Exports	3,099	2,717	14.06	2,999	3.33	25,937	26,424	-1.84
08490 13	Stock Pile Deliveries								
	Apparent Consumption *	50,003	47,303	5.71	69,898	-28.46	504,384	517,858	-2.60
	% Total New Rubber	22.87	23.79		31.57		28.52	29.73	
	Ending Stocks	86,241	93,931	-8.19	93,829	-8.09			
08490 11	NATURAL RUBBER DRY								
	Beginning Stocks	88,286	90,795	-2.76	91,036	-3.02			
	Imports	40,623	42,655	-4.76	62,634	-35.14	472,235	501,821	-5.90
	Exports	2,483	1,520	63.36	2,454	1.18	21,040	21,318	-1.30
	Stock Pile Deliveries								
	Apparent Consumption	45,404	43,397	4.62	63,260	-28.23	460,639	479,507	-3.93
	Ending Stocks	81,022	88,533	-8.48	87,956	-7.88			
08490 13	NATURAL RUBBER LATEX								
	Beginning Stocks	5,873	7,133	-17.66	5,611	4.67			
	Imports	4,561	3,369	35.38	7,446	-38.75	48,831	40,077	21.84
	Exports	616	1,197	-48.54	545	13.03	4,897	5,106	-4.09
	Stock Pile Deliveries								
	Apparent Consumption	4,599	3,907	17.71	6,639	-30.73	43,744	38,351	14.06
	Ending Stocks	5,219	5,398	-3.32	5,873	-11.14			
	TOTAL SYNTHETIC RUBBER								
	Beginning Stocks	239,233	251,069	-4.71	247,445	-3.32			
	Production	170,467	148,118	15.09	155,271	9.79	1,334,735	1,266,305	5.40
	Imports	19,114	24,750	-22.77	16,867	13.32	172,280	187,183	-7.96
	Exports	26,867	26,413	1.72	28,255	-4.91	226,291	218,036	3.79
	Apparent Consumption	168,544	151,501	11.25	151,446	11.29	1,263,944	1,223,431	3.31
	% Total New Rubber	77.12	76.20		68.42		71.47	70.26	
	Ending Stocks	233,403	246,023	-5.13	239,882	-2.70			
	TOTAL SBR								
	Beginning Stocks	96,350	109,227	-11.79	104,326	-7.65			
28220 11 +	Production	65,924	56,681	16.31	55,700	18.36	507,762	501,828	1.18
28220 12	Imports	6,688	8,416	-20.53	7,747	-13.67	68,057	64,995	4.71
	Exports	7,144	7,243	-1.37	7,592	-5.90	63,405	54,917	15.46
	Apparent Consumption	69,541	62,428	11.39	65,168	6.71	515,261	520,982	-1.10
	Ending Stocks	92,277	104,653	-11.83	95,013	-2.88			
28220 11	SBR Dry								
	Beginning Stocks	91,850	106,622	-13.85	99,732	-7.90			
	Production	61,924	50,636	22.29	52,439	18.09	480,114	469,189	2.33
	Imports	4,156	5,840	-28.84	5,445	-23.67	49,907	49,531	.76
	Exports	4,779	5,117	-6.61	6,408	-25.42	48,498	39,150	23.88
	Apparent Consumption	65,414	58,631	11.57	60,695	7.77	484,962	491,629	-1.36
	Ending Stocks	87,737	99,350	-11.69	90,513	-3.07			
28220 12	SBR LATEX								
	Beginning Stocks	4,500	2,605	72.74	4,594	-2.05			
	Production	4,000	6,045	-33.83	3,261	22.66	27,648	32,639	-15.29
	Imports	2,532	2,576	-1.71	2,302	9.99	18,150	15,464	17.37
	Exports	2,365	2,126	11.24	1,184	99.75	14,907	15,767	-5.45
	Apparent Consumption	4,128	3,797	8.72	4,473	-7.71	30,300	29,352	3.23
	Ending Stocks	4,539	5,303	-14.41	4,500	.87			

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	TOTAL NITRILE								
	Beginning Stocks	15,535	16,667	-6.79	15,358	1.15			
28220 41 +	Production	3,542	4,681	-24.33	4,952	-28.47	40,948	38,776	5.60
28220 42	Imports	1,206	1,038	16.18	683	76.57	8,107	8,096	.14
	Exports	1,285	501	156.49	1,369	-6.14	7,800	4,447	75.40
	Apparent Consumption	4,827	5,135	-6.00	4,089	18.05	40,979	40,584	.97
	Ending Stocks	14,171	16,750	-15.40	15,535	-8.78			
28220 50	POLYBUTADIENE								
	Beginning Stocks	43,895	38,583	13.77	44,633	-1.65			
	Production	28,208	23,637	19.34	24,139	16.86	230,244	233,805	-1.52
	Imports	5,421	6,805	-20.34	3,528	53.66	36,280	48,314	-24.91
	Exports	1,673	2,118	-21.01	1,391	20.27	14,116	16,416	-14.01
	Apparent Consumption	32,419	30,516	6.24	27,825	16.51	237,788	256,223	-7.19
	Ending Stocks	43,432	36,391	19.35	43,084	.81			
28220 57	ETHYLENE-PROPYLENE								
	Beginning Stocks	47,694	49,152	-2.97	46,150	3.35			
	Production	20,476	17,728	15.50	20,594	-.57	158,120	151,876	4.11
	Imports	216	65	232.31	592	-63.51	3,072	625	391.52
	Exports	3,567	3,540	.76	4,369	-18.36	31,107	24,343	27.79
	Apparent Consumption	17,024	14,031	21.33	15,256	11.59	126,129	122,546	2.92
	Ending Stocks	47,795	49,374	-3.20	47,711	.18			
	BUTYL, POLYISOPRENE, POLYCHLOROPRENE, SILICONE AND OTHER SYNTHETIC ELASTOMERS								
28220 45 +	Beginning Stocks	35,758	37,440	-4.49	36,979	-3.30			
28220 60 +	Production	52,316	45,390	15.26	49,887	4.87	397,661	340,020	16.95
28220 72	Imports	5,583	8,426	-33.74	4,317	29.33	56,764	65,153	-12.88
	Exports	13,198	13,011	1.44	13,534	-2.48	109,863	117,913	-6.83
	Apparent Consumption	44,731	39,389	13.56	39,110	14.37	343,786	283,095	21.44
	Ending Stocks	35,728	38,856	-8.05	38,539	-7.29			
Included in 28220 45	Butyl								
	Imports	3,399	5,550	-38.76	2,234	52.15	37,635	39,892	-5.66
	Exports								
Included in 28220 45	Polyisoprene								
	Imports	43	748	-94.25	142	-69.72	2,689	6,330	-57.52
	Exports	316	244	29.51	419	-24.58	2,943	1,842	59.77
Included in 28220 45	Polychloroprene								
	Imports	443	241	83.82	396	11.87	3,192	1,807	76.65
	Exports	4,060	2,683	51.32	4,089	-.71	31,785	29,516	7.69
	IMPORTS OF								
	GUTTA BALATA		12	-100.00				154	-100.00
	GUTTA PARCHA	756	565	33.81	372	103.23	3,618	2,015	79.55
	JELUTONG	250	121	106.61	250		984	722	36.29

* Natural Rubber Apparent Consumption figures include INRO Stocks, For your purposes:

Latest INRO STOCK figures available to RMA indicate 2,388 as of August .

RUBBER MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION INDUSTRY RUBBER REPORT

This report relies upon a panel composed of approximately seventy-five (75) companies. The monthly consumption data reported by these companies is combined with data from the RMA 7 "Synthetic Rubber Producers Report", RMA 200 "Importers Shipments of Natural Rubber Latex Report", and RMA 201 "Natural Rubber Dealers Shipments Report". It is the feeling of the RMA Rubber Statistical Committee that this manner of data collection represents a valid sampling for statistical purposes.

The report presents the following categories for selected rubber types:

BEGINNING STOCKS: Figures are as reported to RMA with only the Butyl, Polyisoprene, Silicone, and Other Synthetic Elastomers containing an estimate based upon the US Government's MA30A annual report. Beginning stock figures may differ from prior month closing stocks due to inventory adjustments.

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Natural Rubber Dry data monitored by RMA are TSUSA Numbers: 446.0544, 446.0548, 446.0552, 446.0556, 446.0560, 446.0564, 446.0568, 446.0572, 446.0576, 446.0580 and 446.0584. The Natural Rubber Latex TSUSA Number monitored by RMA is 446.0540 with Gutta balata, Gutta-percha, and Jelutong or pontianak derived from TSUSA Numbers 446.0510, 446.0520 and 446.0530.

RMA natural rubber import numbers do not contain TSUSA Numbers: 446.1000 (Natural rubber containing filler, etc.) and 446.1200 (Chlorinated natural rubber).

Synthetic Rubber TSUSA Numbers monitored by RMA are: 446.1539, 446.1571, 446.1576 and 446.1597 (SBR Dry); 446.1535 (SBR Latex); 446.1516 (Polybutadiene); 446.1506 (Butyl); 446.1511 (Nitrile); 446.1531 (Polyisoprene); 446.1526 (Ethylene-propylene); 446.1521 (Polychloroprene); and 446.1533 and 446.1557 (Elastomers).

RMA synthetic rubber import numbers do not contain the following TSUSA Numbers: 446.1544 (Styrene-butadiene containing over 50% styrene); 446.1580 (Silicone); 446.2000 (Reclaimed rubber of all kinds); and 446.3000 (Mixtures of any of the foregoing).

EXPORTS: RMA export figures are based upon the following United States Schedule B Numbers:

Natural Rubber (Dry) export number is 446.0515 and 446.0505 for Natural Rubber (Latex). RMA

natural rubber export numbers do not contain Schedule B Numbers 446.1000 and 446.1200.

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APPARENT CONSUMPTION: Figures are calculated by RMA by adding Beginning Stocks to Production and Imports, and subtracting Exports and Ending Stocks. The consumption figures for natural rubber contains International Natural Rubber Organization (INRO) stock purchases, since the amounts are not disclosed for ninety (90) days. The latest available stock figure is presented for your use should you wish to subtract it from the apparent consumption figure shown.

ENDING STOCKS: Figures are as reported to RMA with only the Butyl, Polyisoprene, Silicone, and Other Synthetic Elastomers containing an estimate based upon the US Government's MA30A annual report.

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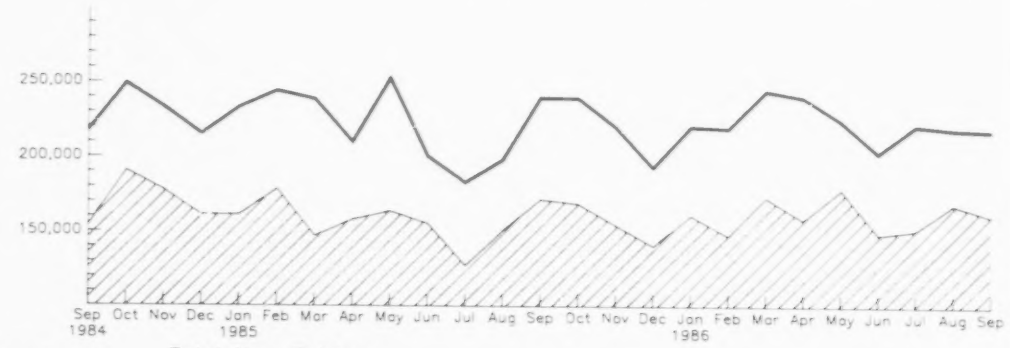

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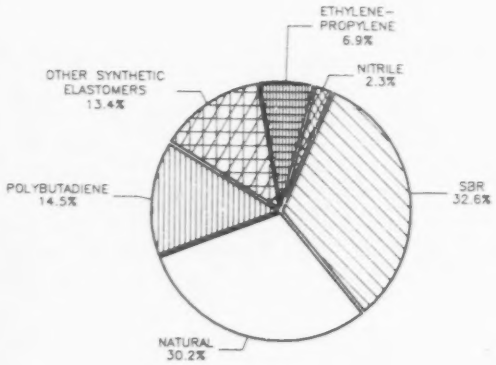

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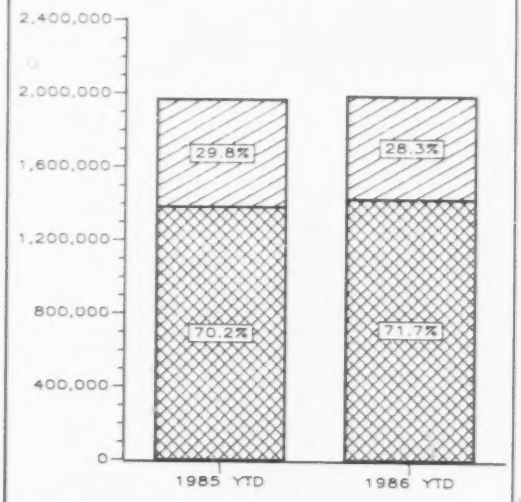

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	TOTAL NEW RUBBER								
	Beginning Stocks	321,783	339,954	-5.35	333,462	-3.50			
	New Rubber Available	262,789	240,177	9.41	234,765	11.94	2,290,871	2,235,562	2.47
	Imports	84,202	86,152	-2.26	64,298	30.96	777,548	815,233	-4.62
	Exports	38,900	32,054	21.36	29,966	29.81	291,128	276,514	5.29
	Apparent Consumption	217,634	224,939	-3.25	218,469	-.38	1,985,816	1,966,228	1.00
	Ending Stocks	328,038	323,138	1.52	319,791	2.58			
	TOTAL NATURAL RUBBER								
	Beginning Stocks	86,764	93,930	-7.63	94,228	-7.92			
08490 11	Imports	64,061	62,623	2.30	45,184	41.78	585,127	604,521	-3.21
+	Exports	2,221	3,525	-36.99	3,099	-28.33	28,158	29,949	-5.98
08490 13	Stock Pile Deliveries								
	Apparent Consumption *	57,036	68,116	-16.27	49,925	14.24	561,274	585,974	-4.22
	% Total New Rubber	26.20	30.28		22.85		28.26	29.80	
	Ending Stocks	91,568	84,912	7.84	86,388	6.00			
08490 11	NATURAL RUBBER DRY								
	Beginning Stocks	81,551	88,533	-7.89	88,355	-7.70			
	Imports	58,997	58,019	1.69	40,623	45.23	531,232	559,840	-5.11
	Exports	1,320	2,977	-55.66	2,483	-46.84	22,360	24,295	-7.96
	Stock Pile Deliveries								
	Apparent Consumption	53,630	64,160	-16.41	45,326	18.32	514,122	543,667	-5.43
	Ending Stocks	85,598	79,415	7.79	81,169	5.46			
08490 13	NATURAL RUBBER LATEX								
	Beginning Stocks	5,214	5,398	-3.41	5,873	-11.22			
	Imports	5,064	4,604	9.99	4,561	11.03	53,895	44,681	20.62
	Exports	901	548	64.42	616	46.27	5,798	5,654	2.55
	Stock Pile Deliveries								
	Apparent Consumption	3,407	3,957	-13.90	4,599	-25.92	47,152	42,308	11.45
	Ending Stocks	5,970	5,497	8.60	5,219	14.39			
	TOTAL SYNTHETIC RUBBER								
	Beginning Stocks	235,018	246,023	-4.47	239,233	-1.76			
	Production	178,587	154,025	15.95	170,467	4.76	1,513,323	1,420,329	6.55
	Imports	20,141	23,529	-14.40	19,114	5.37	192,421	210,712	-8.68
	Exports	36,679	28,529	28.57	26,867	36.52	262,970	246,565	6.65
	Apparent Consumption	160,597	156,822	2.41	168,544	-4.72	1,424,542	1,380,253	3.21
	% Total New Rubber	73.79	69.71		77.14		71.73	70.19	
	Ending Stocks	236,470	238,226	-.74	233,403	1.31			
	TOTAL SBR								
	Beginning Stocks	94,536	104,653	-9.67	96,350	-1.88			
28220 11 +	Production	67,587	61,771	9.42	65,924	2.52	575,349	563,599	2.08
28220 12	Imports	6,970	8,997	-22.53	6,688	4.22	75,027	73,992	1.40
	Exports	13,357	8,085	65.21	7,144	86.97	76,762	63,002	21.84
	Apparent Consumption	66,004	68,501	-3.65	69,541	-5.09	581,265	589,482	-1.39
	Ending Stocks	89,732	98,835	-9.21	92,277	-2.76			
28220 11	SBR Dry								
	Beginning Stocks	90,028	99,350	-9.38	91,850	-1.98			
	Production	64,267	59,222	8.52	61,924	3.78	544,382	528,411	3.02
	Imports	4,818	6,812	-29.27	4,156	15.93	54,725	56,343	-2.87
	Exports	11,294	5,604	101.53	4,779	136.33	59,792	44,754	33.60
	Apparent Consumption	62,111	63,460	-2.13	65,414	-5.05	547,074	555,089	-1.44
	Ending Stocks	85,708	96,320	-11.02	87,737	-2.31			
28220 12	SBR LATEX								
	Beginning Stocks	4,507	5,303	-15.01	4,500	.16			
	Production	3,319	2,550	30.16	4,000	-17.03	30,967	35,189	-12.00
	Imports	2,152	2,185	-1.51	2,532	-15.01	20,302	17,649	15.03
	Exports	2,063	2,481	-16.85	2,365	-12.77	16,970	18,248	-7.00
	Apparent Consumption	3,891	5,042	-22.83	4,128	-5.74	34,191	34,394	-.59
	Ending Stocks	4,024	2,515	60.00	4,539	-11.35			

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	TOTAL NITRILE								
	Beginning Stocks	14,000	16,750	-16.42	15,535	-9.88			
28220 41 +	Production	4,788	3,892	23.02	3,542	35.18	45,735	42,669	7.19
28220 42	Imports	1,066	763	39.71	1,206	-11.61	9,173	8,859	3.54
	Exports	1,168	548	113.14	1,285	-9.11	8,968	4,995	79.54
	Apparent Consumption	5,470	4,693	16.56	4,827	13.32	46,448	45,278	2.58
	Ending Stocks	13,216	16,164	-18.24	14,171	-6.74			
28220 50	POLYBUTADIENE								
	Beginning Stocks	43,441	36,391	19.37	43,895	-1.03			
	Production	31,840	28,162	13.06	28,208	12.88	262,085	261,967	.05
	Imports	5,423	5,115	6.02	5,421	.04	41,703	53,429	-21.95
	Exports	1,448	2,351	-38.41	1,673	-13.45	15,564	18,767	-17.07
	Apparent Consumption	34,013	31,498	7.98	32,419	4.92	271,802	287,720	-5.53
	Ending Stocks	45,243	35,819	26.31	43,432	4.17			
28220 57	ETHYLENE-PROPYLENE								
	Beginning Stocks	47,572	49,374	-3.65	47,694	-.26			
	Production	19,337	17,347	11.47	20,476	-5.56	177,458	169,223	4.87
	Imports	449	100	349.00	216	107.87	3,521	725	385.66
	Exports	3,174	3,381	-6.12	3,567	-11.02	34,281	27,724	23.65
	Apparent Consumption	14,813	14,350	3.23	17,024	-12.99	140,943	136,897	2.96
	Ending Stocks	49,371	49,090	.57	47,795	3.30			
	BUTYL, POLYISOPRENE, POLYCHLOROPRENE, SILICONE AND OTHER SYNTHETIC ELASTOMERS								
28220 45 +	Beginning Stocks	35,469	38,856	-8.72	35,758	-.81			
28220 60 +	Production	55,035	42,853	28.43	52,316	5.20	452,696	382,871	18.24
28220 72	Imports	6,233	8,554	-27.13	5,583	11.64	62,997	73,707	-14.53
	Exports	17,532	14,164	23.78	13,198	32.84	127,395	132,077	-3.54
	Apparent Consumption	40,297	37,781	6.66	44,731	-9.91	384,083	320,875	19.70
	Ending Stocks	38,908	38,318	1.54	35,728	8.90			
Included in 28220 45	Butyl								
	Imports	3,562	4,133	-13.82	3,399	4.80	41,197	44,025	-6.42
	Exports								
Included in 28220 45	Polyisoprene								
	Imports	730	901	-18.98	43	597.67	3,419	7,231	-52.72
	Exports	499	410	21.71	316	57.91	3,442	2,252	52.84
Included in 28220 45	Polychloroprene								
	Imports	538	222	142.34	443	21.44	3,730	2,029	83.83
	Exports	4,990	3,591	38.96	4,060	22.91	36,775	33,107	11.08
	IMPORTS OF								
	GUTTA BALATA							154	-100.00
	GUTTA PARCHA	538	416	29.33	756	-28.84	4,156	2,431	70.96
	JELUTONG	40	161	-75.16	250	-84.00	1,024	883	15.97

* Natural Rubber Apparent Consumption figures include INRO Stocks, For your purposes:

Latest INRO STOCK figures available to RMA indicate 2,388 as of September.

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RUBBER MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION INDUSTRY RUBBER REPORT

This report relies upon a panel composed of approximately seventy-five (75) companies. The monthly consumption data reported by these companies is combined with data from the RMA 7 "Synthetic Rubber Producers Report", RMA 200 "Importers Shipments of Natural Rubber Latex Report", and RMA 201 "Natural Rubber Dealers Shipments Report". It is the feeling of the RMA Rubber Statistical Committee that this manner of data collection represents a valid sampling for statistical purposes.

The report presents the following categories for selected rubber types:

BEGINNING STOCKS: Figures are as reported to RMA with only the Butyl, Polyisoprene, Silicone, and Other Synthetic Elastomers containing an estimate based upon the US Government's MA30A annual report. Beginning stock figures may differ from prior month closing stocks due to inventory adjustments.

PRODUCTION: Figures are as reported to RMA with only the Butyl, Polyisoprene, Silicone, and Other Synthetic Elastomers containing an estimate based upon the US Government's MA30A annual report.

IMPORTS: RMA import figures are based upon Tariff Schedules of the United States Annotated (TSUSA) numbers:

Natural Rubber Dry data monitored by RMA are TSUSA Numbers: 446.0544, 446.0548, 446.0552, 446.0556, 446.0560, 446.0564, 446.0568, 446.0572, 446.0576, 446.0580 and 446.0584. The Natural Rubber Latex TSUSA Number monitored by RMA is 446.0540 with Gutta balata, Gutta-percha, and Jelutong or pontianak derived from TSUSA Numbers 446.0510, 446.0520 and 446.0530.

RMA natural rubber import numbers do not contain TSUSA Numbers: 446.1000 (Natural rubber containing filler, etc.) and 446.1200 (Chlorinated natural rubber).

Synthetic Rubber TSUSA Numbers monitored by RMA are: 446.1539, 446.1571, 446.1576 and 446.1597 (SBR Dry); 446.1535 (SBR Latex); 446.1516 (Polybutadiene); 446.1506 (Butyl); 446.1511 (Nitrile); 446.1531 (Polyisoprene); 446.1526 (Ethylene-propylene); 446.1521 (Polychloroprene); and 446.1533 and 446.1557 (Elastomers).

RMA synthetic rubber import numbers do not contain the following TSUSA Numbers: 446.1544 (Styrene-butadiene containing over 50% styrene); 446.1580 (Silicone); 446.2000 (Reclaimed rubber of all kinds); and 446.3000 (Mixtures of any of the foregoing).

EXPORTS: RMA export figures are based upon the following United States Schedule B Numbers:

Natural Rubber (Dry) export number is 446.0515 and 446.0505 for Natural Rubber (Latex). RMA natural rubber export numbers do not contain Schedule B Numbers 446.1000 and 446.1200.

Synthetic rubber export Schedule B Numbers monitored by RMA are as follows: 446.1541, 446.1571, and 446.1576 (SBR Dry); 446.1536 (SBR Latex); 446.1516 (Polybutadiene); 446.1506 (Butyl); 446.1511 (Nitrile); 446.1531 (Polyisoprene); 446.1526 (Ethylene-propylene); 446.1521 (Polychloroprene); and 446.1547 and 446.1561 (Elastomers).

RMA synthetic rubber export numbers do not contain Schedule B Numbers 446.2000 (Reclaimed) and 446.3000 (Mixtures).

APPARENT CONSUMPTION: Figures are calculated by RMA by adding Beginning Stocks to Production and Imports, and subtracting Exports and Ending Stocks. The consumption figures for natural rubber contains International Natural Rubber Organization (INRO) stock purchases, since the amounts are not disclosed for ninety (90) days. The latest available stock figure is presented for your use should you wish to subtract it from the apparent consumption figure shown.

ENDING STOCKS: Figures are as reported to RMA with only the Butyl, Polyisoprene, Silicone, and Other Synthetic Elastomers containing an estimate based upon the US Government's MA30A annual report.

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